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Mr. Ajit Pai
Federal Communication Commission
445 12th St SW
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Dear Mr. Pai:

I am a student residing in the town of Madison, Wisconsin, and I am writing to you today to express my displeasure with your recent plan for the removal of Net Neutrality in the United States. I believe that your concept of a capitalized internet would bring great pain to many people across the United States.

When the previous chairman of the FCC, Tom Wheeler, classified internet access as a "telecommunications service" in 2014, internet service providers were regulated by the FCC as utilities. You recently promised to do away with this commitment and believe that the FCC has no business regulating internet service providers. You have stated that internet service providers should be able to block and throttle broadband internet, as well as have paid prioritization for exclusive web services.

For the continued free expression of ideas and knowledge, Internet service must continue to be classified as a utility, similar to water or electric power.

The global network that is the internet allows people to express themselves freely. Allowing internet users to visit any website at no additional cost is what has allowed the internet to become what it is today. Conceptually, Net Neutrality has its roots in telephone services, which have traditionally been regulated as a public utility. If the internet is stripped of free and open access, unfair pricing will emerge as each internet service provider prioritizes the data streams of their choice. Capitalizing content on the web will ruin what made it so great.

Keeping the internet free and open promotes innovation and permits the spread of ideas and knowledge. These ideas in turn will spur entrepreneurship. Ubiquitous services like Google,

Facebook, and Twitter all had their beginnings as small and basic websites. Net Neutrality is what allowed these sites to grow into what they are today. The internet is one of the greatest technologies of our time, and maintaining Net Neutrality is an appropriate use of FCC's regulatory responsibility to the public. Without Net Neutrality, access will be controlled by the highest bidder.

I fear that our world will begin to resemble a dystopian future where telecommunication companies plague the web with hidden fees and disjointed prices.

Once again, I am very displeased with your actions. Please consider changing your position with respect to the free and open use of the web.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Pickard